GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FLESH TRADE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of a large number of girls belonging to the North Eastern region being forced into the flesh trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of such girls rescued and rehabilitated during each of the last three years;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to rescue all the girls; and

(e) the details of the steps taken to identify and apprehend the culprits responsible for pushing such girls into the flesh trade?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): Government has no specific information in this regard. However, as per the statistics provided by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the State/UT- wise details of the cases registered under crime relating to human trafficking during 2006-2008 is at Annexure-I.

(c): No such information is being maintained by NCRB.

(d) & (e): 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects, the primary responsibility for preventing and combating the crime of human trafficking, lies with the State Governments. However, the Government of India has adopted a multi- pronged approach to combat human trafficking viz. Issue of Advisory dt. 09-09-2009 advising them to deal with the crime of trafficking in a holistic manner and to evolve a effective and comprehensive strategy encompassing rescue, relief and rehabilitation of victims besides taking deterrent action against the law violators; setting up of Anti-Trafficking Nodal Cell in Ministry of Home Affairs; organizing workshops on the issue to create awareness among law enforcement agencies and to enhance their capacity building.

Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD) has launched a comprehensive scheme- "Ujjawala" for prevention of trafficking, and for rescue, rehabilitation, reintegration and repatriation of the victims of commercial sexual exploitation. MWCD also runs shelter based homes, such as Short Stay-Homes, Swadhar Homes for women in difficult circumstances including trafficked victims.